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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 04 January 2008.
2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-22 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-22 is/are rejected.
7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SG/US)
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4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

1. This Office action is in response to the amendment filed on 01/04/08, in which claims 1-22 are still pending. Claims 1, 15 and 20 are independent, claims 2-14, 16-19 are dependent. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1, 15 and 20 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371(c) of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

3. Claims 1-22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Struble (USP, 7142, 333).

With respect to claim 1, Struble (333) teaches an image access device with a wireless transmission function, (scanning system 100 is used in a method of wirelessly initiated scanning as shown in fig 1-3, col.4, lines 23-30) comprising at least: a scan unit (scanner 104 fig 2) used for scanning a to-be-scanned document and outputting a scan

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image (scanner 104 is used to scan document, col.4, lines 10-15); a control unit (controller 32 of fig 1) used for receiving a signal, which initiates a wireless scan function, to control the scan unit to scan the to-be-scanned document (controller 32 as shown in fig 1, controls the interconnected devices, such as scanner 22, wireless communication module and personal computer 42, via network communication link 26 which includes internet 50, col.4, lines 4-10); and a first wireless transmission unit (wireless communication module 30 of fig 1) used for receiving the scan image and transmitting the scan image to a portable electronic device (mobile computing device 102 of fig 2, such as 110, 112, 114, see col.4, lines 10-20), in a wireless transmission way (col.5, lines 45-55).

With respect to claim 2, Struble '333' teaches the image access device (as shown in fig 1 and 2), wherein the control unit (32 of fig 2) is used for receiving the computer-output signal, which initiates the wireless scan function, (controller 32 as shown in fig 1, controls the interconnected devices, such as personal computer 42 of fig 1 as scanner 22, wireless communication module 30 and personal computer 42, via network communication link 26 which includes internet 50, used for receiving signal col.4, lines 4-10).

With respect to claim 3, Struble (333) teaches an image access device with a wireless transmission function, (scanning system 100 is used in a method of wirelessly

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initiated scanning as shown in fig 1-3, col.4, lines 23-30) further comprises: a wireless scan operation unit (scanner 22 of fig 1) being used for being triggered to output the signal to the control unit (control unit 32 of fig 1) and initiate the wireless scans function, (col.4, lines 4-10).

With respect to claim 4, Struble (333) teaches an image access device with a wireless transmission function, (scanning system 100 is used in a method of wirelessly initiated scanning as shown in fig 1-3, col.4, lines 23-30), wherein the wireless scan operation unit is a touch panel (col.3, lines 20-24).

With respect to claim 5, Struble (333) teaches an image access device (scanning system 100 is used in a method of wirelessly initiated scanning as shown in fig 1-3, col.4, lines 23-30), wherein the wireless scan operation unit is a hot key (col.3, lines 20-24).

With respect to claim 6, Struble (333) teaches an image access device (scanning system 100 is used in a method of wirelessly initiated scanning as shown in fig 1-3, col.4, lines 23-30), a second wireless transmission unit (col.3, lines 46-49) whose wireless transmission protocol is compatible with that of the first wireless transmission unit (col.3, lines 50-53); a memory unit (a memory with in the scanner unit stores scanned image) being used for storing the scan image received by the second wireless transmission unit (col.3, lines 5-53); and a display unit (portable devices 110, 112, 114

of fig 2, having a display to monitor the activity of the communication) being used for displaying the scan image stored in the memory (display screen, for displaying graphical image, stored in the at least in a personal computer 120 of fig, col.4, lines 60-65).

With respect to claim 7, Struble (333) teaches an image access device (scanning system 100 is used in a method of wirelessly initiated scanning as shown in fig 1-3, col.4, lines 23-30), wherein the wireless transmission protocol of the first wireless transmission unit (col.3, lines 46-49).

With respect to claim 8, Struble (333) teaches an image access device (scanning system 100 is used in a method of wirelessly initiated scanning as shown in fig 1-3, col.4, lines 23-30), wherein the wireless transmission protocol of the first wireless transmission unit (col.3, lines 40-65).

With respect to claim 9, Struble (333) teaches an image access device (scanning system 100 is used in a method of wirelessly initiated scanning as shown in fig 1-3, col.4, lines 23-30), wherein the wireless transmission protocol of the first wireless transmission unit is 802.11g (col.3, lines 45-60).

With respect to claim 10, Struble (333) teaches an image access device (scanning system 100 is used in a method of wirelessly initiated scanning as shown in fig 1-3, col.4, lines 23-30), the wireless transmission protocol of the first wireless transmission unit is a Bluetooth wireless transmission protocol (col.3, lines 45-50)

With respect to claim 11, Struble (333) teaches an image access device (scanning system 100 is used in a method of wirelessly initiated scanning as shown in fig 1-3, col.4, lines 23-30), wherein the portable electronic device is a personal digital assistant (PDA 114 of fig 2, col.4, lines 12-18).

With respect to claim 12, Struble (333) teaches an image access device (scanning system 100 is used in a method of wirelessly initiated scanning as shown in fig 1-3, col.4, lines 23-30), wherein the portable electronic device is a mobile phone (mobile phone 110 of fig 2, col.4, lines 12-17).

With respect to claim 13, Struble (333) teaches an image access device (scanning system 100 is used in a method of wirelessly initiated scanning as shown in fig 1-3, col.4, lines 23-30), wherein the image access device is a scanner (scanner 104 of fig 2, col.15, 35-40).

With respect to claim 14, Struble (333) teaches an image access device (scanning system 100 is used in a method of wirelessly initiated scanning as shown in fig 1-3, col.4, lines 23-30), wherein the scan unit is a chassis (scanner 104 of fig 2, col.3, lines 25-30).

With respect to claim 15, Struble (333) teaches an image access device with a wireless transmission function, (scanning system 100 is used in a method of wirelessly initiated scanning as shown in fig 1-3, col.4, lines 23-30) comprising at least: a scan unit (scanner 104 fig 2) used for scanning a to-be-scanned document and outputting a scan image (scanner 104 is used to scan document, col.4, lines 10-15); a wireless scan operation unit used for being triggered to output a signal which initiates the wireless scan function (scanning system 100 is used in a method of wirelessly initiated scanning as shown in fig 1-3, col.4, lines 23-30); a control unit (controller 32 of fig 1) used for receiving a signal, which initiates a wireless scan function, to control the scan unit to scan the to-be-scanned document (controller 32 as shown in fig 1, controls the interconnected devices, such as scanner 22, wireless communication module and personal computer 42, via network communication link 26 which includes internet 50, col.4, lines 4-10); and a first wireless transmission unit (wireless communication module 30 of fig 1) used for receiving the scan image and transmitting the scan image to a portable electronic device (mobile computing device 102 of fig 2, such as 110, 112, 114, see col.4, lines 10-20), in a wireless transmission way (col.5, lines 45-55).

With respect to claim 16, Struble (333) teaches an image access device (scanning system 100 is used in a method of wirelessly initiated scanning as shown in fig 1-3, col.4, lines 23-30), a second wireless transmission unit (col.3, lines 46-49) whose wireless transmission protocol is compatible with that of the first wireless transmission unit (col.3, lines 50-53); a memory unit (a memory within the scanner unit stores scanned image) being used for storing the scan image received by the second

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wireless transmission unit (col.3, lines 5-53); and a display unit (portable devices 110, 112, 114 of fig 2, having a display to monitor the activity of the communication) being used for displaying the scan image stored in the memory (display screen, for displaying graphical image, stored in the at least in a personal computer 120 of fig, col.4, lines 60-65).

With respect to claim 17, Struble (333) teaches an image access device with a wireless transmission function, (scanning system 100 is used in a method of wirelessly initiated scanning as shown in fig 1-3, col.4, lines 23-30), wherein the wireless scan operation unit is a touch panel (col.3, lines 20-24).

With respect to claim 18, Struble (333) teaches an image access device (scanning system 100 is used in a method of wirelessly initiated scanning as shown in fig 1-3, col.4, lines 23-30), wherein the wireless scan operation unit is a hot key (col.3, lines 20-24).

With respect to claim 19, Struble (333) teaches an image access device (scanning system 100 is used in a method of wirelessly initiated scanning as shown in fig 1-3, col.4, lines 23-30), wherein the portable electronic device is a personal digital assistant (PDA 114 of fig 2, col.4, lines 12-18).

With respect to claim 20, Struble (333) teaches an image access device with a wireless transmission function, (scanning system 100 is used in a method of wirelessly initiated scanning as shown in fig 1-3, col.4, lines 23-30) comprising at least: a scan unit

(scanner 104 fig 2) used for scanning a to-be-scanned document and outputting a scan image (scanner 104 is used to scan document, col.4, lines 10-15); a wireless scan operation unit used for being triggered to output a signal which initiates the wireless scan function (scanning system 100 is used in a method of wirelessly initiated scanning as shown in fig 1-3, col.4, lines 23-30); a control unit (controller 32 of fig 1) used for receiving a signal, which initiates a wireless scan function, to control the scan unit to scan the to-be-scanned document (controller 32 as shown in fig 1, controls the interconnected devices, such as scanner 22, wireless communication module and personal computer 42, via network communication link 26 which includes internet 50, col.4, lines 4-10); and a first wireless transmission unit (wireless communication module 30 of fig 1) used for receiving the scan image and transmitting the scan image to a portable electronic device (mobile computing device 102 of fig 2, such as 110, 112, 114, see col.4, lines 10-20), in a wireless transmission way (col.5, lines 45-55).

With respect to claim 21, Struble (333) teaches an image access device (scanning system 100 is used in a method of wirelessly initiated scanning as shown in fig 1-3, col.4, lines 23-30), a second wireless transmission unit (col.3, lines 46-49) whose wireless transmission protocol is compatible with that of the first wireless transmission unit (col.3, lines 50-53); a memory unit (a memory with in the scanner unit stores scanned image) being used for storing the scan image received by the second wireless transmission unit (col.3, lines 5-53); and a display unit (portable devices 110, 112, 114 of fig 2, having a display to monitor the activity of the communication) being used for displaying the scan image stored in the memory (display screen, for displaying

graphical image, stored in the at least in a personal computer 120 of fig. col.4, lines 60-65).

With respect to claim 22, Struble (333) teaches an image access device (scanning system 100 is used in a method of wirelessly initiated scanning as shown in fig 1-3, col.4, lines 23-30), wherein the portable electronic device is a personal digital assistant (PDA 114 of fig 2, col.4, lines 12-18).

Conclusion

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to NEGUSSIE WORKU whose telephone number is (571)272-7472. The examiner can normally be reached on 9A-6PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Edward Coles can be reached on 571-272-7402. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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